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FOR AMBASSADOR STEVENSON FROM LOW

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SUBJ: DETENTION OF USIS BLANTYRE LIBRARIAN JUSTIN FUSANI

REF: LILONGWE 472 AND 504

1. IT IS FAIRLY CLEAR THAT FUNSANI IS REFERRING TO A PROFESSOR JACK SIMONS WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO US HERE. IN BRIEF, SIMONS WAS BORN AND LIVED IN SOUTH AFRICA UNTIL 1965. HE AND HIS WIFE WERE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY UNTIL THEY LEFT SOUTH AFRICA IN 1965. HE WAS EXPELLED FROM HIS TEACHING POST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN IN 1964. PROF. AND MRS. SIMONS HAVE WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON LABOR AND POLITICS. THEY ARE WELL KNOWN FOR THEIR BOOK "CLASS AND COLOUR IN SOUTH AFRICA" PUBLISHED IN 1969 WHICH IS A MARXIST INTERPRETATION OF SOUTH AFRICAN HISTORY. SIMONS HAS ALSO WRITTEN EXTENSIVELY ON SOUTH AFRICAN LABOR LAW. THE COUPLE SETTLED IN ZAMBIA WHERE HE TAUGHT AT THE UNIVERSITY UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1975 BUT HE CONTINUES TO WRITE AND RESEARCH HERE AND THE TWO ARE ACTIVE IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANC.

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2. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT ALL THE ABOVE IS WELL KNOWN TO THE MALAWIAN SPECIAL BRANCH. IT IS ALSO QUITE POSSIBLE THAT SIMONS WOULD HAVE ASKED FOR A BOOK ON AMERICAN LABOR LAW.

3. SIMONS IS A SCHOLARLY AND AMIABLE PERSON WHO IS KNOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY. WE ARE TRYING TO CONTACT HIM TO FIND OUT THE NAME OF THE BOOK AND ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT THE

CORRESPONDENCE AND WILL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS WE HAVE MORE
INFORMATION.
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